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BRIEF OF PETITIONER Case No. 28-RC-150168

The hearing officer over the objection of the Petitioner allowed briefing on one issue only. That issue is whether the "reasonable expectancy" of employment doctrine applied in this case. The employer has filed a brief addressing all other issues. It addressed the other issues because counsel refused to argue those cases at the conclusion of the record. Thus this brief is a request to reject the employer's brief as going beyond the narrow issue on which the hearing officer allowed briefing. The employer's counsel cannot correct its malpractice of refusing to argue the issues on the record by filing a brief which addresses all other issues which could have been addressed.

We use this brief only to repeat the lengthy argument made at the hearing.

The employer stipulated to an election to be held on May 2. It therefore waived any argument of imminent closure and any other similar doctrine.

On the date of May 2, indisputably employees of the employer worked at the Show Stoppers show at the Wynn. Those employees are listed on Regional Director's Exhibit 1 and are employees 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19.

Whether the remaining employees who voted were employed on that date doesn't affect the outcome of this case. Nonetheless, the Petitioner maintains that they remained employees even though the Wynn may have *subsequent* to May 2 determined that it would pay them. Plainly on May 2 they were working at the show. In the alternative, the Wynn and Labor Plus were joint employers on that date and they were thus employed by Labor Plus.

All of this illustrates that the doctrine of "reasonable expectancy" on which the hearing officer requested briefing has no application. They were employees on that date of the election and that is undisputed.

Whether or not the employees were subsequently terminated, is thus irrelevant for Board purposes. Recently the Board reaffirmed the point that the employer's obligation to bargain "is established as of the date of an election in which a majority of employees vote for Union representation..." See *Fused Solutions, LLC*, 362 NLRB No. 95 (2015) at note 3. This is just a restatement from the fundamental Board law that as of the moment the election is concluded the employer acts at its parallel refusing to bargain and refusing to acknowledge that the workers

have selected a Union as their representative. See *Mike O'Connor Chevrolet-Buick*, 209 NLRB 701 (1974).

The employer has not ever cited a case and it cannot cite a case for the proposition that the Closure of a facility after an election is conducted should result in the rescission of a certification or the failure to complete the representation process in Section 9. It has not cited a case for that proposition where the employer through its counsel stipulated to an election.

Counsel cites *Sid Eland, Inc.*, 261 NLRB 11 (1982). That involved someone who was on leave before the election and whether that person had any expectancy of returning. That case undermines the employer's position. Or maybe counsel didn't read the case. *Femco Machine Co.*, 238 NLRB 816 (1978) concerned one employee who was terminated before the election. Id at 825. Counsel never read the case. *Plymouth Shoe Co*, 185 NLRB 732 (1970) involved a situation where the Board declined to order a rerun election where the employer had almost completely shut down between the first election and when a second rerun election would be conducted. Counsel did not read the case.

Counsel's citation of these irrelevant cases is shocking but not unexpected. It is further evidence of bad faith and delay.

Indeed the only question left is whether the employer has an obligation to bargain with the Union and that is a matter to be processed under Section 8(a)(5). It is an unfair labor practice issue.

The Board has considered this problem in *Adelphi Communications*, 333 NLRB 145 (2001). The Board declined to dismiss a decertification petition where a successor took over. The Board noted that it would not be proper to deprive the employees of the right to select a representative (or deselect one) because a successor evolves. This governs this case. Counsel for the employer has not cited or commented on this case.

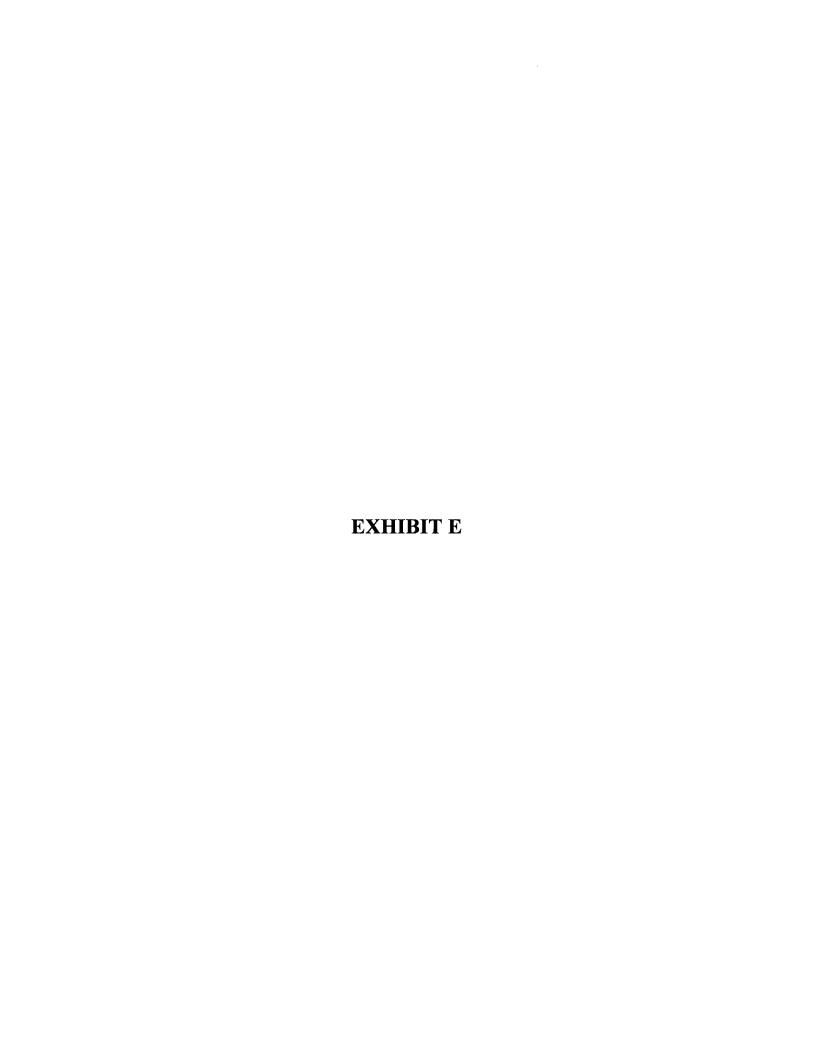
We will address the unfair labor practice issues in a separate proceeding.

In summary, most if not all of the employees remained employed on the date of the election. The employer has not cited a case or any reasoned argument that the subsequent alleged

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were employed by Labor Plus were eligible to vote, and did vote, in the election.

The Employer challenged each and every ballot on the grounds that it would not be the employer of the employee in the future. This is not valid grounds to challenge a ballot. See Sec. 11392.5, NLRB Case Handling Manual, Part II. The Employer points to the voluntary separation of a number of employees after the election as grounds to support its Motion to Dismiss. This claim is irrelevant as to whether or not Labor Plus was the employer at the time the petition was filed or at the time of the election. The Employer claims that as of May 10<sup>th</sup>, there are no employees of Labor Plus at this facility. However, Labor Plus, LLC, continues to operate in various Las Vegas theaters. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Union sent a demand to bargain to Labor Plus. At that time, the Union also requested effects bargaining in the event that the employer ceased providing services at the ShowStoppers Theater at the Wynn.

### I. PROCESSING OF THE PETITION SERVES A USEFUL PURPOSE

Despite the Employer's claim to the contrary, there continues to be a useful purpose served by proceeding. Pursuant to the Employer's own statement, as of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 of the 21 individuals in the petitioned-for-unit had moved over to the employ of the Wynn. This would be the majority of the individuals employed by the Wynn in the same classifications. By simple math, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, there were 10 employees still in the employ of Labor Plus. As such, although Labor Plus may no longer be the appropriate employer, there are at least two issues that result in the need to continue processing this case.

First, Labor Plus had an obligation to engage in effects bargaining based on the expected result of the tally of ballots. Failure to engage in requested effects bargaining generally results in a *Transmarine* remedy. See *Transmarine Navigation Corp.*, 170 NLRB 389, 390 (1968), as clarified by *Melody Toyota*, 325 NLRB 846 (1998). The employees in this unit are entitled to a *Transmarine* remedy after it is determined that Labor Plus failed to negotiate the effects of the cessation of work with their union, IATSE 720.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subsequently, late in the afternoon on May 11<sup>th</sup> (9 days after the election), the Union received Labor Plus's objections to the election which, in addition to the above issues regarding employee status, also asserts there was board agent misconduct and union electioneering. See 29 C.F.R. § 102.69(a) (objections must be filed within 7 days of the election date to be considered timely).

Second, the Union is entitled an issuance of certification because the Wynn can be deemed the clear successor and therefore is required to bargain with the Union under established Board law. NLRB v. Burns International Services, Inc., 406 U.S. 272, 279 (1972) (stating that "[i]t has been consistently held that a mere change of employers or of ownership in the employing industry is not such an 'unusual circumstance' as to affect the force of the Board's Certification within the normal operative period if a majority of employees after the change of ownership or management were employed by the preceding employer."). The test for determining whether an employer is a successor employer is summarized as follows: "[a]n employer, generally, succeeds to the collective-bargaining obligation of a predecessor if a majority of its employees, consisting of a "substantial and representative complement," in an appropriate bargaining unit are former employees of the predecessor and if the similarities between the two operations manifest a "substantial continuity' between the enterprises." Fall River Dyeing Corp. v. NLRB, 482 U.S. 27, 41-43 (1987); see also Spruce Up Corporation, 209 NLRB 194, 195 (1974) (stating that an employer is a perfectly clear successor if it the new employer either (1) misled employees into believing they would all be retained without a change in their wages, hours or conditions of employment or (2) the new employer failed to clearly announce its intent to establish a new set of conditions prior to inviting former employees to accept employment.)

Here, as confirmed by the Employer's own words in its Motion to Dismiss, the Wynn invited predecessor employer Labor Plus' employees to submit applications and made conditional job offers to perform presumably the same stagehand services at the same location, the Wynn. *Burns*, 406 U.S. at 278-281 (stating "...where the bargaining unit remains unchanged and a majority of the employees hired by the new employer are represented by a recently certified bargaining agent there is little basis for faulting the Board's implementation of the express mandates of § 8(a)(5) and § 9(a) by ordering the employer to bargain with the incumbent union.").

Although all of the data is not yet before the Board, it is evident that the Wynn drew its employees from the majority of Labor Plus' workforce to perform the same stagehand services. See *Spruce Up*, 209 NLRB at 195; *Burns*, 406 U.S. 272. Per the employer's Motion to Dismiss,

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11 of 21 employees in these job titles were employees of The Wynn as of May 5, 2015. Consequently, the Wynn would undoubtedly have a duty to bargain with the Union as a clear successor. See *Burns*, 406 U.S at 278-281. This analysis requires the current petition to continue to be processed.

# II. THE ARGUMENT OF THE EMPLOYER IS NOT SUPPORTED BY PRECEDENT

The cases that the Employer cites reflect situations in which the employer would no longer exist in the foreseeable future and the bargaining unit would be disbanded. These cases do not apply to this situation where the bargaining unit continues to exist performing the same work for a different employer.

Although Labor Plus claims that the date of succession of the Employer's provision of services was imminent before the election day, prior to the election they could provide no definite date, and in fact the expectation as expressed in prior communication was far exceeded by the amount of time the employer actually remained in place. In Plymouth Shoe Company, 185 NLRB 732 (1970), the employer shut down its manufacturing and production operations and a new corporation opened to perform warehousing and supplying, thus fundamentally changing the operations and job functions of the employees involved. Here, in contrast, the employees are maintaining the same job functions and the nature and character of the Wynn's operations are the same as that of Labor Plus. The other cases the Employer cites are similarly distinguishable, and thus not instructive, as they involve employer operations shutting down completely with no clear successor in place and with no indication that employees would be re-employed. See *Davey* McKee Corp., 308 NLRB 839, 840 (1992) (stating further that the Board will consider a motion to reinstate a petition "should the petitioned-for unit remain in existence for a substantially longer period of time than is [...] anticipated or should the Employer acquire additional construction projects within the geographical scope of the unit covering the classification of employees described in the petition."); Luckenbach Steamship Co., 2 NLRB 181, 193 (1936); Fraser-Brace Eng'g Co., Inc., 38 NLRB 1263, 1264 (1942); Cal-Neva Lodge, 235 NLRB 1167 (1978); M.B. Kahn Const. Co., Inc., 210 NLRB 1050, 1050 (1974); Marrieta Aluminum, Inc., 214 NLRB

646, 647 (1974). Here, in contrast, there is a clear successor and, as of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 former Labor Plus employees have been re-employed to perform the same job functions as performed under the employ of Labor Plus. Processing this petition serves a useful purpose.

The employer's last argument regarding certification is contrary to Board law by which the obligations to bargain with a union attach from the date of the election regardless of the date certification actually issues. Bancroft Mfg. Co., Inc., Croft Aluminum Co., Inc., Croft Ladders, Inc., Croft Metal Products, Inc., Lemco Metal Products, Inc., 210 NLRB 1019, 1022 (1974) (stating that "an employer who effects a unilateral change after the election, and before certification, without notice to or consultation with the Union, violates that Act."); W.R. Grace & Co., 230 NLRB. 617, 618 (1977) (stating that "[i]t is well established that an employer violates Section 8(a)(5) and (1) when, without first consulting with the union, it makes changes in terms and conditions of employment during the pendency of objections to an election which eventually results in the certification of the union."). The employer's statement that there is not a single employee who would be covered is inaccurate as the employees are entitled to representation for the days between the election and their eventual layoff. The cases the Employer cites concerning the Board's dismissal of petitions where petitioned-for units had only one or no employees are not applicable to the instant case and provide no basis for dismissing the petition. See Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of San Francisco, 229 NLRB 251 (1977); Griffin Wheel Co., 80 NLRB 1471 (1948); Luckenbach Steamship Co., 2 NLRB 193 (1936).

#### III. CONCLUSION

Based on the above, Employer's Motion to Dismiss should be denied.

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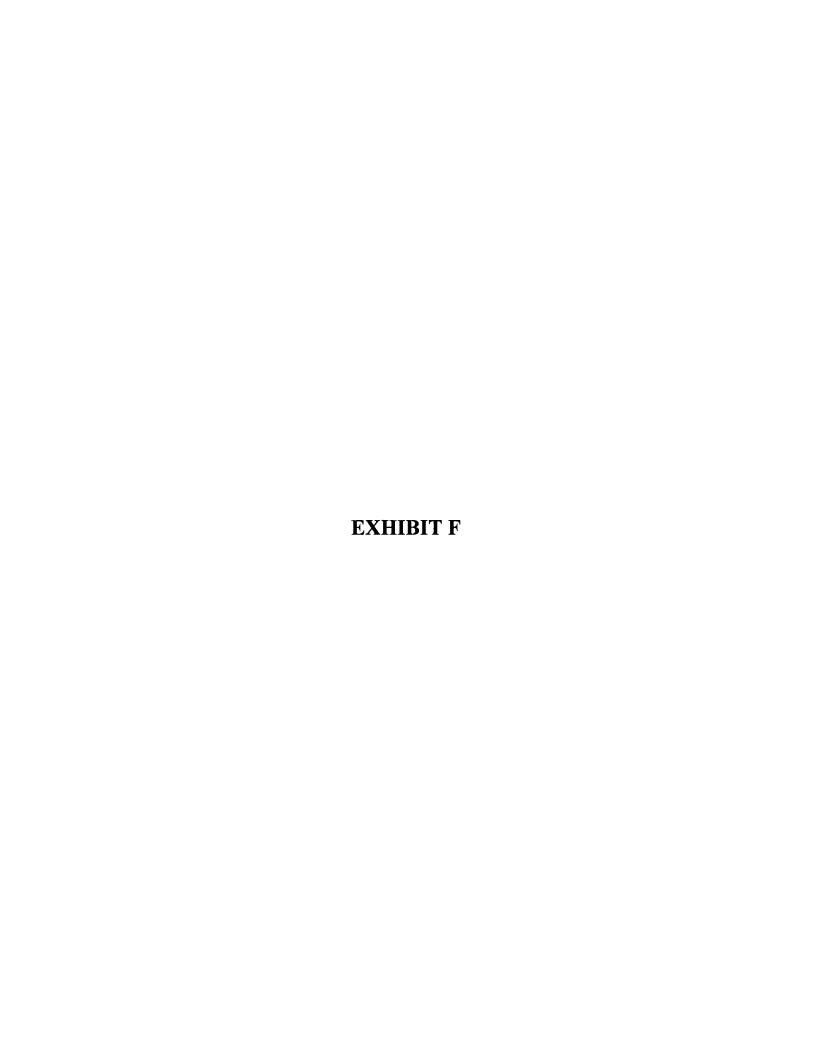
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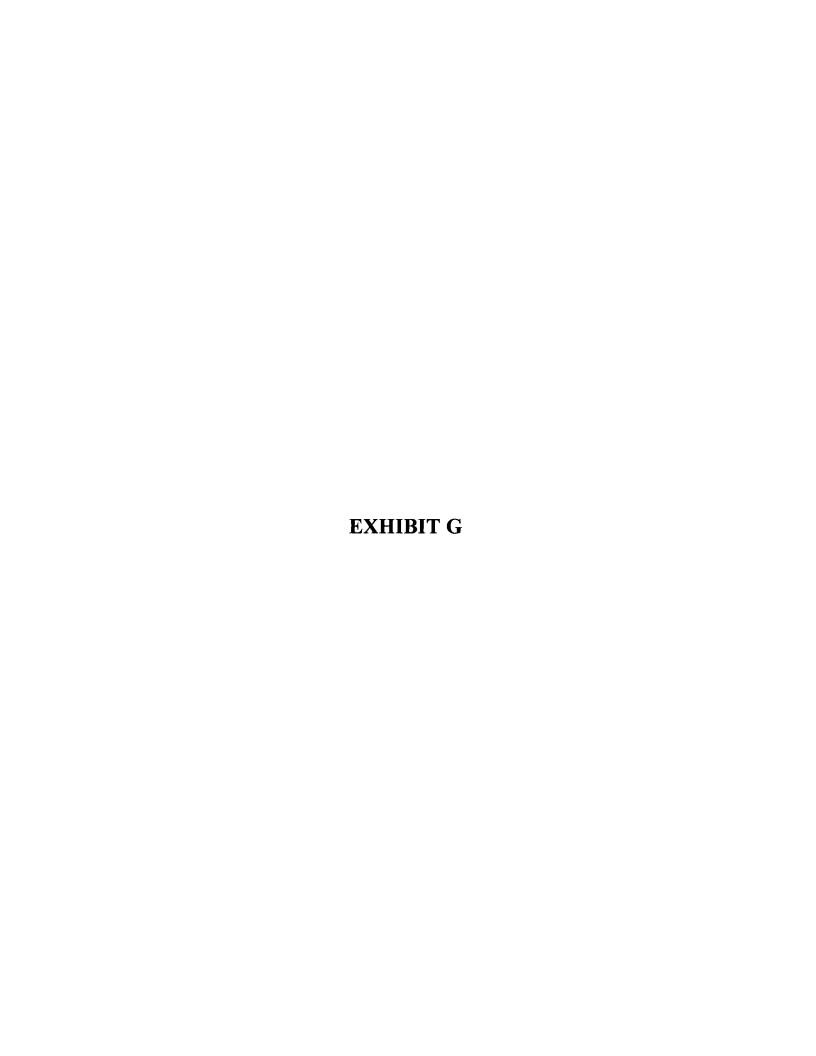
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Re: Showstoppers Theater and IATSE Local 720 NLRB Case No. 28-RC-150168

Dear Ms. LaRocca and Mr. Wynn and Ms Coakley:

Now that it is clear that Local 720 is the collective bargaining representative of the employees of the Showstoppers Theater, both Labor Plus, LLC and Wynn Casino need to provide dates when they will be available for negotiations.

We recognize that Labor Plus contends that it no longer employees of this theater. It is the position of Local 720 that Labor Plus and Wynn Casino were a joint employer and are the joint employers of those employees. Wynn is also the single employer at this time.

Alternatively, Wynn Casino is the successor to Labor Plus. Not only is it the successor, but it is the perfectly clear successor and was not permitted to change wages, hours and working conditions without bargaining. To the extent however, that Wynn implemented better conditions, the Union is not asking that any better conditions be rescinded.

Please provide a copy of all benefit plans, company policies or procedures which apply to the employees at the Showstoppers Theater.

Please provide an updated list of the employees, phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, classifications and rates of pay.

Please also provide copies of the work schedules for the employees for the period May 1, 2015 to the present.

This is also a reminder that no unilateral changes should be made. No discipline should be imposed without bargaining with the Union.

Please also provide us copies of all payroll records for the employees for the period of May 1, 2015 to the present.

Local 720 looks forward to bargaining with both of you, or with the Wynn Casino towards a Collective Bargaining Agreement covering these employees.

Sincerely

Kristina L. Hillman

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